

Application No.: 10/519,495

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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain present in this application.

The specification has been amended. These amendments have not been made in response to any statutory requirement, but simply to correct certain errors and to place the application in better form. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments do not contain new matter.

In particular, it is noted that the discussion of the "prior art implant" has been updated and the comparison of the implant of the present application with the "prior art implant" has been deleted. It is respectfully submitted that the portions of the specification being amended and deleted in connection with the "prior art implant" are not part of the claimed subject matter of the present application.

Accordingly, entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Paul C. Lewis (Reg. No. 43,368 ) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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